

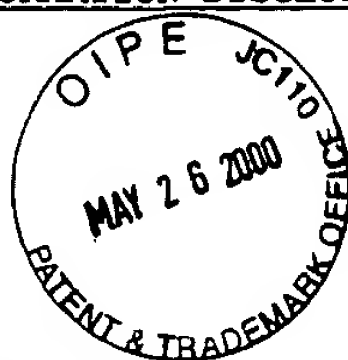
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In re Application of:
 MAKINSON, ET AL.

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Title: MODULAR METER CONFIGURATION AND
 METHODOLOGY



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